James M. Gifford Is Cheered When He Says Japan Is Fighting Our Fight-Personal Liberty Question Is Slowly Being Worked Out, Sen. Malby Declares.

The Franklin County Society, which was once known as the most compact and competent body of liars on earth, a dinner last night at the Waldorf in which pretty much everybody stuck as close as he could to the truth. This doesn't mean that no stories were told. Justice Gildersleeve introduced an excerpt from the records of the undefended divorce calendar of the Supreme

Court. He said: "It is not so very long ago that a Justice sat in Part III. on a Wednesday, the day for the trial of undefended divorces, who knew enough not to hand in his decision until enough time had elapsed so that it might be reasonably supposed by counsel in the case that he had read the evidence. But he was in a hurry. The indorsement on the case, therefore, read:

'Adultery insufficient. See clerk of

court." When the cheers of the Franklin county men had subsided Justice Gildersleeve went on to explain that the last time he had told the story it had been challenged as to its truthfulness; he therefore desired to state that he had since had it looked up and that it was still in existence for the benefit of the doubting.

Bank Superintendent Frederick D. Kilburn, who presided, next produced John R. Van Wormer, who dwelt on the sturdy nature of the Franklin county farmers who receemed the county from the Irish promoters who had bought up all its land at eight cents an acre.

Judge Edward W. Hatch of the Court of Arreals said that he come from Allegany county, the leading county of the State (alphabetically) and therefore the birthplace of the Republican party, notwithstanding a foolish supersti on that the party was born somewhere in Maine. Judge Hatch said that he would believe everything that Mr. Van Wormer said about the gras ping nature of the Irish, from whom most of these present at the banquet were descended, except that he didn't believe that they had ever paid eight cents an acre for that land. He lashed the Franklin county men for their hardness of heart in cining in luxury and comfort when their home land was buried under sixty feet.

mrie, cr less of snow.
"What are you doing for those folks up there?" he cried pathetically. "How will they survive the awful winter?".
From men with the memory of the solid built homes, the big open fires and the hot apple toddies of Franklin county warm their memories, the question brought

Senator George R. Malby, who spoke for St. Lawrence county, had something to say about home rule. He regretted the spirit of criticism of "hayseed Legislatures" which was growing ever bitterer in the

city. He said in part:

If you will be patient and considerate with us, I am sure that you will be satisfied that we are slowly but surely working out these matters, of which you speak as "home rule" and "personal liberty," as they should be worked out. Neither of those phrases ought to be allowed to become a source of degeneracy to the State, of which we who live on the northern border, sparsely settled as It may be, are just as proud as you who are in this great and imperial city. Home rule and personal liberty must be considered in the relations which they have to the upbuilding of the State and nation, and must not transgress the laws laid down for the good of all our citizens.

James M. Gifford remarked that the great and distinguishing trait of the Frank-ling county man in New York was his dereming county man in New York was his de-termination rever to go back to Franklin county unless he was under arrest. He also dipped into the Eastern situation and told of his observation of the Russian Em-pire during a trip last summer. He said that he was sure that there was no "yellow peril" confronting the world helf en den peril" controlling the world half so dangerous or vital as the Russian peril.

Every honest and frank Russian, he said.

every honest and trank Russian, he said, owns up to the firm faith that in the fulness of time Russia will not only rule all of Europe and Asia, but the United States and all the rest of the world. Japan, said Gifford, is therefore fighting our figh and deserves all the encouragement and aid which we can give her without violating This sentiment prothe neutrality laws. voked continued and prolonged cheering

Abs Gruber wound up the evening by throwing aspersions upon the leaders of his own party and on north countrymen generally. He intimated that the up State citizen on a visit to New York was a hypocrite and a libertine. Mr. Gruber frankly glori-fied the doctrine "the graft is to him with the longest and strongest arm." He said,

In part:

Judge Hatch was sure that Allegany county was the birthplace of the Republican party and said that fact was disputed. No one denies that the sleeping place of the party is in the Waldorf, although for twenty-five years it was in the Fifth Avenue.

Other counties have produced great menmen that had all the virtues but modesty, the possession of which macks every Franklin county man as distinctly as civic virtue marks the self-sacrificing Citizens' Union politician, who reaps all honors and sows

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notes the sense much to you who come from the North Woods. Our piety and temperance, our panting for rigid excise laws, our longing for still taxation and insistence on home rule all come from you; and we bless you for the inspiration and stimulus. Your politicians survive because they can point to tammany: Tammany lives because it can point to them. As a Republican in this city, I often pray for an earthquake that will send Tammany up the State, or for a flood that will float my rural friends down here.

The up-State Republican, when transplanted in the city of New York, is too good to be a Tammany man, but not good enough to be in favor with the truly good. He lives on hope, and has ample time to indulge it; his self-denial is beautiful, even if enforced. He is even happy in the belief that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive. Some are blessed because they take; but they alone long survive who have the longest and strongest arm.

The hope New Yorker is slow and seed seed.

The born New Yorker is slow and conservative. The country boy who comes to New York becomes the great financier. It is he who gave us a chance to get rich in copper, steel and ships. His tip was universal; every one had it. And I know where farmers can buy at job lot prices fine lithographs to paper their barns and outbouses. The Hebrew prophets had whiskers; the profits in steel, copper and ships had wings. We can only hope to see these prophets and profits after death.

douth.

Now, the residents of Franklin county have my high admiration. They do not give themselves solely to acquiring money. They spurn it. They made the Adirondacks, the forests and resorts, and have established five seasons therein, four dedicated to nature and themselves and one to visitors and their money. The county is famed for its wonderful fish, but they none the less appreciate the sucker that fishes. He catches it all ways. He is to Franklin county what a Franklin county man is to the Tenderloin.

He says New York is a bad place because we bet on horseraces. No man ever saw a horserace in Franklin county, or bet on one there. If he did bet, I hope he won, for gambling is vicious, if one loses. Hunsry Joe claimed he never dared to enter the limits of your county, for fear he might be buncoed. You are not only good, but you are cute. You need no District Attorney. You waste your money on a Sheriff. Crime cannot exist in Franklin county, for your passions are your controlling virtues and are non-infammable.

Among those present were: Justice

Among those present were: Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, Charles W. Dayton, Ashbel P. Fitch, Jr., Charles W. Breed, Edward L. Stevens, Albbn Man, George W. Dustin, William C. Breed, Dr. Leroy W. Hubbard, L. V. Hubbard, George B. Mallon, W. H. Barse, Capt. John Daly, Edward Kilburn, Leonard C. Andrus and Edward T. Fallows.

La Touraine and Philadelphia Signalled. The French liner La Touraine was signalled off Nanticket at 5 P. M. yesterday.

The American liner Philadelphia was signalled off Nantucket at 8:50 P. M.

WILD RUN OF A FREIGHT. NOW FOR A BOYER-PESOLI DUEL Went Sixty Miles With the Engineer and Conductor Asleep.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 20.-An extra freight on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern made a wild run of over sixty miles this morning while the engineer and conductor slept and the train was left in charge of a

green brakeman and a new fireman. The fireman, being a new man on the engine, had no idea at what a mad pace the train was traveling, and although it ran sixty miles in one hour, and thus broke all freight records in the State, he kept up steam and really saved the lives of the conductor and engineer.

At Watson, where the Big Four branches o Jeffersonville, the block was set for orders. A train had orders to take a siding to allow the freight to cass. As the train failed to slow, the operator threw the switch and sent the train tearing on to leffersonville, thus saving a wreck. At Jeffersonville the engineer was still asleep, but Operator Everett Murray threw a switch and turned the train on to the Big Four bridge, saving it from running into the Ohio River.

Neither engineer, fireman nor conductor had been in bed for forty-eight hours. At the bridge the engine "died" and later was found to have been burned so badly that it would have exploded within a few minutes had the firing been kept up.

AIDED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

Armed Posse Tracking a Man Who Attempted to Extori 310,000 From a Widow

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 20.-A large posse of armed men, accompanied by a pack of bloodhounds, have to-day tracked over the southern end of this county in search of a blackmailer who attempted to extort a large sum of money from Mrs. James Preble, a wealthy widow of Cdell, Neb., by threats of death. The search is being continued to-night with but slight hope of making a capture.

Several days ago Mrs. Preble received a letter commanding her to place \$10,000 near a clump of trees several miles from her house, and warned her that a refusal or any attempt to capture the writer would result in her death. Several hours before the designated time Mrs. Preble's two grown sons went to the trees and deposited a roll of paper, intending to await the coming of the writer of the letter. Before they could make cover, however, a stranger stepped from the trees with levelled rifle and ordered them to leave. Afterward he secured the worthless paper and escaped. A posse was hastily secured, and the bloodhounds from this place telegraphed for. The search has been in progress since early morning.

TO RID MEXICO OF YELLOW JACK. Supreme Board of Health Has \$7,000,000 at Its Disposal for Work at Vera Cruz.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 20 .- Dr. Owens, one of the Southern health officers who visited Mexico for the purpose of inducing that though he had never been. country to cooperate with the United States in getting rid of yellow fever on the frontier. leclares that the Supreme Board of Health of Mexico will do all in its power, and is well provided with funds for that purpose The most important sanitary work underaken is that at Vera Cruz, which is regarded as the centre of yellow fever inection in Mexico.

The Mexican board has at its disposal \$7,000,000 for the work of rehabilitating Vera Cruz, which will be devoted to sewerage and drainage work. The town is divided into four districts, with a medical officer in charge of each. Each one of these medical officers has under him a large corps of sanitary inspectors. A thorough tour of inspection is made of all thorough tour of inspection is made of all suspected or infected districts each day, and each evening a report is made of the of the world. If it is to become the world and each evening a report is made of the number of cases in each district. Oil is taken to diminish the number of mos- and San Francisco is its front door. quitoes coming from them.

ARTILLERY IN VIRGINIA!

Remarkable Loss of Life Through the Explosions of Frozen Eggs.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 20.-Sounds as hough a bombardment on a small scale was in progress drew W. P. Turnstall, a well known farmer of New Kent county, to his henhouse vesterday. On the floor and as he was speculating on the cause he heard a similar explosion and a hen fell

dying from her nest. Investigating, Mr. Turnstall ascertained hat the severe cold weather had frozen he eggs and when they began to thaw from the warmth of the hens they exploded. The fowls were dressed for the table and in the process pieces of egg shell were found through their bodies, where they had been driven by the force of the explosion.

FOR A NEW DARTMOUTH HALL.

The Alumni to Raise \$250,000 for a Replica of the Burned Building. Boston, Feb. 20 .- A new Dartmouth

Hall is to rise on the site of "Old Dartmouth," which was destroyed by fire on last Thursday morning. It will be built of stone or brick instead of wood. It will be an architectural replica of the venerable monument which it replaces. It will cost about \$250,000 and the alumni will be called upon for the funds.

A beginning was made by the Boston lumni of the college in Lorimer Hall to-day, when a mass meeting was held, and a substantial sum of money was pledged for the new Dartmouth Hall.

QUIGG UPHOLDS G. WASHINGTON,

But of John Hay's Policy in the Far East He Cannot So Certainly Approve. The annual dinner of the Fordham Club was held last night in the clubhouse at

Highbridge road and Morris avenue. It was a George Washington dinner, at least, all the speeches were about him. John P. Dunn was toastmaster and one

of the speakers was ex-Congressman Lemuel E. Quigg. Mr. Quigg said that he would like to see the country stick pretty close to the advice of Washington's fare- | your looks, prosperous men well address, to avoid entangling alliances.

Nobody, he thought, could point out any interest except a commercial one which the country has with China or Japan or Russia, and that interest, in the ex-Congressman's opinion, was not great enough to warrant our meddling.

It was only in the last four years, h insisted, that we had departed from the path laid out by Washington.

Secretary Hay's interference in the affairs in the Far East, Mr. Quigg said, appeared to him to be a virtual assertion that the wishes of the United States would have to be considered in the making of peace terms when the war is over.

Senator Elsberg spoke on "Our State," and Health Commissioner Darlington on "Certainties of Life." Other speakers were ex-Assistant District Attorney Jane: L. Gordon, John T. Tomlinson and John J.

ALL PHILADELPHIA IS ASKING IF IT WILL OCCUR.

The American Who Slapped the French Consul Disappears and the Consul Is Irritated-Club Men Speculating on Possible Weapons for the Fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.-When ex-Director of the Mint Henry K. Boyer, early yesterday morning, slapped the French Consul, Edward A. Pesoli, over the face with his glove in the Art Club, he did not think hat the echo of that blow would resound upon the boulevards of Paris. Cables to Frenchmen in this city indicate that the affair is the topic of the cafés.

Meantime the principals are elusive and nesitant. Mr. Boyer has vanished utterly. His haunts know him not and his home, in Collegeville, Pa., waits for him. Consul Pesoli is irritated and reticent. "Will you issue a challenge?" he was

asked to-day "I refuse to talk of my business: that is private," he retorted.

" But----"I am busy, too busy. I have been busy," thundered the representative of

France Will there be a duel is what all Philadel phia is anxious to know. If there is the Consul will not find Mr. Boyer unprepared For weeks he has been taking lessons with pistols and foils. Whether he foresaw the affair in the Art Club is unknown. However, he has grown reasonably proficient in the use of weapons of the field of honor.

Mr. Boyer can have a hundred seconds; so can Consul Pesoli. There is only one precedent, however, to be followed, and this is not steeped with remanticism. When Col. A. Loudon Snowden was Superintendent of the Mint he became involved in a quarrel with the late Col. Ege. They met one day on Broad street. Umbrellas were the weapons. There was one lively round. Three ribs of Col. Ege's rainshed were broken. Honor was declared to be were broken. Honor was declared to be satisfied and the two were reconciled. This method has its adherents.

Friends of both have picked out a quiet this price of Gov. Penny-

spot near the historic site of Gov. Penny er's residence, beside which the peace ful Pennypacker flows. It is believed that should the French demand that the honor of their representative be cleansed with blood this will be the scene of the encounter t is called Skippack and the Governor with a spyglass could watch the duel.

Details must be kept secret if swords are tash or pistols to back. The State fiash or pistols to bark. The State on duelling is stringent. To inflict death in a duel is murder. Sending of a challenge or knowledge of a challenge is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imorisonment for from one to five years at hard labor. Thus, the field of honor, it will be seen, is not a bed of roses. That Mr. Boyer anticipated a serious ending to the affair is testified to by several

men who were sitting in the Bellevue cafe when he told his story. "Ah," they say Mr. Boyer said, "some one will be killed. Yes, yes, surely some one will be killed."

But which one, that is what clubmen are asking. And in the meantime Consul Pesoli is reticent and the ex-director is as

SEA POWER ON THE PACIFIC That's What Will Count, Says Benjamin Ide Wheeler to the Californians.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California was the guest of honor of the California Society at their annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last night. President Wheeler said that New York used to be the front door of the country and San Francisco the back door, but that their positions had been reversed. "There was a time," said President heeler, "when the world centred about Wheeler, "when the world centred about the Mediterranean and its battles were fought there. Now the contest is upon the open sea, and nations are measured by their navies and coaling stations.

Power of the future, its strength must be being used freely. Marshes surround Vera sea is the Pacific. This country no longer faces toward Europe, but toward the Pacific, President Wheeler announced that the University of California had secured twenty of the most prominent lecturers in the world

for next summer's session. "Men only bring their best over the mountains to California," he said, "and leave the dross

The Rev. Dr. Robert MacKenzie sided, and J. W. Needham, T. A. Bell, J. N. Gillette, J. H. Metcalf and Joseph Campbell also spoke.

TOO CROWDED TO MARRY.

he found several fowls mutilated and dying | Bachelor Professors of the University of Maine Want to Reform but Can't.

President George E. Fellows of the University of Maine, in an address at the annual dinner of the Alumni Association at the Hotel Vendome last night, said that it was deplorable that some of the members of university faculty were debarred from matrimony because of the great prosperity of the institution.

Several of the faculty, he said, had sur rendered their hearts to estimable ladies of Bangor and along the banks of the Penobscot and were anxious to have the bonds riveted, but were obliged to postpone the joyful occasion because were no buildings in which the professors and their wives could live. The number of the students had increased from 180 in 1894 to 525 enrolled this year, and this meant 1894 to 525 enrolled this year, and this meant an increase of the faculty, and there was scarcely room enough for the faculty to keep bachelor's hall.

A. W. Harris, ex-president of the uni-versity; President James McKeen of the Maine Society, Prof. George H. Hamlin and Henry Lord, president of the board of trustees of the university, were other

trustees of the university, were other speakers.

SCHOOL 69'S ALUMNI DINE Hear Commissioner Barrett Things About City Officials.

The second annual dinner of the Alumni Association of Grammar School 69, one of the oldest of the city's public schools, was held last night at Shanley's, Broadway and Forty-second street. Dr. Matthew J. Eldas was toastmaster.

The speakers were Judge Herman Joseph,
Magistrate Mayo, School Commissioner
Barrett and Jerome Siegel. Commissioner
Barrett said, among other things:
"These are strenuous days for the city's public schools. The city officials seem to think that the schools are doing too much and apparently wish to have our facilities curtailed, but the Board of Education thinks otherwise. We need the help of such organizations as this, and you should give it

you owe us a debt of gratitude for hav-

WANTED TO SHOOT THE CAPTAIN. Smith Said So When the Police Raided His

ing made men of you, and, judging from

Hotel and Caught Him. Capt. Gallagher of the East Twentysecond street station raided two Raines law hotels in East Seventeenth street last night on warrants issued by Magistrate Zeller. In the Rainbow Hotel sixteen women and three men were arrested in a room where an automatic piano plays

twenty-four hours a day.

Anna and Albert Smith were arrested as the proprietors of the place. Smith asked to go downstairs to get his coat and Detective Brown accompanied him. Smith took a loaded revolver out of his coat and showed it to Brown.
"I'd like to use that on the captain,

he said. A charge of carrying concealed weapons was made against him. The other raid was on the Palace Hotel. There the police got six women, one of whom. Kate Brady, was said to be an employee of the place.

RACE SUICIDE IN WISCONSIN.

Only Three Births in the Town of Bristol, 2,500 People, in One Year.

KENOSHA, Wis., Feb. 20.-Evidence of race suicide has been discovered in Bristol, Kenosha coun'y. In a town of 2,500 population only three births have been reported in one year, while there were forty-seven deaths. Register of Deeds P. C. Torrey has just completed an investigation of records of the county and finds that during the last few years there has been a remarkable decrease in the number of births. Especially is this fact noticeable among the poorer people.

One of the peculiarities is that among the wealthier people there have been more births than in previous years.

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Timothee Adamowski the Soloist at the Fourth Matinee.

The fourth afternoon concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra took place at Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon. There was a large and amiable audience which was remarkably cool at the outset and grew cooler and cooler as it listened to Mr. Gericke's meditative interpretation of Brahms's E minor symphony. It is not possible to burst into a storm of emotional excitement over this gentle and peaceful symphony at any time. Still less is it possible when it is hedged about with æsthetic caution and the stern repression of the left hand

But those who were content to see in it a suave and contemplative frame of mind and to seek for pure and rich tonal beauty found rest and content for their spirits. The orchestra was in a lovely condition yesterday afternoon, and its roundness and smoothness of style were never more clearly in evidence than they were in the Brahms symphony. Nevertheless the audience, "sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust" in the backs of the seats, sank back and rested and at the end applauded gently and carefully.

The solo performer of the occasion was Timothee Adamowski, the second concertmaster of the orchestra, who was heard in Lalo's "Symphonie Espagnole." The cold hearted audience regarded the elegant Timotheus apathetically after the first movement. After the second it began to sit up and take notice. After the third it gave him a warm double round of appliuse. After the last it broke into prolonged demonstrations of joy and called him out till he smiled like rosy Aurora in

Mr. Adamowski's performance was of uneven merit, but sound excellence pre-dominated. The brayura passages he dominated. played with great brilliancy and facile technic. There were a few slips in intonation, but these are so common that no one minds them much. Mr. Adamowski's cantilena yesterday showed unusual warmth and elegance. In short, his whole per-formance was characterized by a dashing grace and piquancy of style, varied by moments of delicate sentiment.

The concert came to an end with two movements from "In Carnival Time," an

orchestral suite by Georg Schumann. These movements were an andantino and a humoreske. They are color studies without any serious thought in them. They were capably performed by Mr. Gericke's little company of virtuosi from Boston.

"LA TRAVIATA" AT THE OPERA Mme. Sembrieh as Violetta in Splendid Voice and Spirits.

Mme. Sembrich returned to the scene of her triumphs at the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday afternoon after an absence of nine days. She has sung in Philadelphia, but on the whole she has had some rest after the exacting labors of Mr. Caruso's last days in America, when she was required to join with him in delighting the public Yesterday afternoon she sang Violette in "La Traviata." She was never in better voice and sang gloriously. It was a treat to observe the manner in which she hurled her tones into the auditorium without Her bravura was unusually brilliant. and the audience was very enthusiastic. ssary aid was afforded by Dippel as Alfredo and Mr. Scotti as Germont. Every time Mr. Dippel appears as the operatic Armand there is reason to offer up thanks for a tenor who does not make the man look like a marionette out of a Punch and Judy show. Mr. Dippel dresses the part sanely and sings it in a manly style. Mr. Scotti is efficient as the father of this nice vo. man. Gustav Hinrichs conducted the performance.

KEPT THE BIJOU CLOSED. Start of Sydney Rosenfeld's Stock Com pany Is Postponed.

Sydney Rosenfeld and Century Stock company did not open the Bijou Theatre last night as had been advertised. They were to have presented "Much Ado About Nothing," but the Mayor's theatre safety committee ordered yesterday that several new exits should be cut through before

the theatre could open.

The seats had all been sold out and, although a notice was tacked up at the en trance, many people came and were turned away. To show that the company was entirely ready to put "Much Ado About Nothing" on the boards the management gave the play in the Bijou for the beneft the newspaper critics and some of the anagement's friends. All the players management's friends. All the plexcept Jessie Millward, who takes the ing rôle of Beatrice, were in costume. management hopes to have the theatre open to the public by next Wednesday.

It is said that the closing will save Weber & Fields some money, as they had rented it for six weeks at \$1,800 a week.

OPERA FOR A HOSPITAL FUND. Frenchmen Fill the Metropolitan to Hear

"Faust" With a Cosmopolitan Cast. The performance of "Faust" at the Metroolitan last night was for the benefit of the French Hospital building fund. The pro-moters of the fund had bought the house and sold the tickets to their compatriots at prices advanced over the usual Saturday night scale. A bust typifying the French Republic and draped with a tricolor stood in the lobby while before the second act the diminished forces of an exhausted or chastra played the "Marseillaire" and "The chestra played the "Marseillaise" and "The Star Spangled Banner." The French Consul and the committee of the hospital fund sat n three parterre boxes decorated with rench and American flags. M. Naval, who sang Faust, is a Roumanian;

M. Campanari, who was Valentin, an Italian: Josephine Jacoby, the Sietel, a New Yorker, and Mine. Ackté, the Marguerite, a Finn.

PATTI NOT TO SING. Advance Sale in Scranton So Small That

Her Engagement Is Cancelled. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 20.-Patti will not ing in this city on Monday as advertised. Her New York management to-day can-Her New 10rk management to-day can-celled the engagement here. The attrac-tion failed to draw. The number of tickets sold has been very small. When this fact was telegraphed to New York to-day er was at once sent back to cancel the engagement.

STROLLERS HAVE A "ROYSTER," The Same Being an Annual Celebration. With Competitive Dancing.

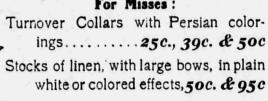
The Strollers had a "Royster," the name given to their annual celebration, last night at their clubhouse, 67 Madison avenue. It was also the occasion of the second an nual championship meet for the silver cupe offered by the Strollers for the best fancy dancers, competing singly and in teams.
Seven teams from different parts of the country and seven single dancers were entered. The contest was held on the stage of the theatre in the clubhouse, with the members of the club as the judges.



Spring Neckwear

For Misses, Boys and Children.

For Misses:



Lawn Embroidered Stocks with tab ends, 50c., 60c. & 75c Sets of Collars and Cuffs of lawn, linen and scrim, plain or embroidered 50c., 75c. & \$1.25

For Boys:

Four-in hands, Imperials, Tecks, in bright pretty effects and Windsor Ties, plain colors and Scotch plaids .. 25c. & 48c

For Children:

Linen Eton Collars, 15c Eton Collars with chemisette, 20c Deep Round Collars, butcher linen, hand embroidery . \$1.00 Lace Collars \$1.35, \$1.90, \$2.50 & \$4.00 Collar and Cuff Sets for "Buster Brown" Suits.

60-62 West 23d Street.

TAFT VISITS CINCINNATI

AND TELLS ABOUT HIS CALL ON THE MIKADO.

Says the Japanese Told Him They Had 175,000 Men Under Arms and Could Raise 400,000 More-Chances for Young Men in the Philippines

CINCINNATI, Feb. 20.-Secretary of War William H. Taft, arrived in the city this afternoon on the first visit he has paid his home town since his return from the Philippines. His visit is primarily to be the guest of honor at a dinner on Washington's Birthday, tendered by 250 of his fellow citizens at \$20 a plate. The new Secretary of War will be here several days and will be the guest of his brother Charles P. Taft, former Congressman.

Secretary Taft appeared to be in bounding health and has entirely recovered from the operation to which he submitted on a previous visit two years ago. Secretary Taft said he did not wish to discuss the Eastern question. As to his visit to the Mikado, Secretary Taft said:

"I was received cordially by the authorities and by the Generals of the Japanese Army, and had luncheon with the Mikado and Empress. It was a very pleasant occasion, indeed. I was told by one of the attachés that they then had 175,000 men in the field and could mobilize 400,000 more within

within a very short period.
"The system of conscription, drills and tactics of the Japanese Army is based on German models, and their naval tactics, on German models, and their naval factics, as I understand, are based on the English. However," and here the Secretary laughed one of his real thing laughs, "I am not a sailor and I must not be quoted as final authority on the naval question."

The Secretary laughed more than ever, and said:

"Honestly, I was afraid they would ask me the calibre of a Krag-Jorgensen."
"Manila life was very pleasant. I
the island with great reluctance. W the duty of solving the problems which con-fronted us there was at times a strain on one's nervous system, there were fascinations. A person cannot be in that work for three or four years, gradually working out the circumstances with which he is confronted, without desiring to remain on the ground at least three or four years more

to see the outcome of it all. "As to a young man seeking his fortune in the Philippines, I would say that if a man of education and good character has money enough to live on for six months or a year, he can go there and engage in the civil service after passing the examination. They need good men and I tell you he can pick up a good standing in the community and become a useful member of our Fa

I do not know how long it will be before the Filipinos are able to govern them-selves. We are educating them. Our facilities at present are equal to only 10 per cent. of those who desire to be instructed. It is the coming generation whom we must educate. Now, you can see there is not anybody who would undertake to tell you when the natives can manage their own affairs. I am asked that question more

han any other, and I always say I don't A reporter said that there is belief on the part of many that if the Japanese win against the Russians, the United States will turn the Philippines over to the victors. Secretary Taft's only answer to this was a broad smile, which was most readily construed as indicative of extreme incredulity

STEPHEN MERRITT, JR., MARRIED The Wedding Kept a Close Secrel Until Yesterday, When It Leaked Out.

NYACK, Feb. 20 .- It leaked out this afternoon that Stephen Merritt, Jr., grandson of the Rev. Stephen Merritt, the well known undertaker of New York city, and Rachel W. Adriance of Piermont were married on Jan. 13 by Alderman Franklin Ware of New York. Young Merritt is 19 years of age and has lived with his grandfather, whose home is in Nyack, since the death of his father and mother, a few years ago. The young man attended the Nyack High School. Rachel W. Adriance, daughter of John W. Adriance, a well known resident of Piermont, also attended that school and there the intimacy of the young couple

ripened into love. On Jan. 9 Stephen and Rachel both went away, each supposedly to see relatives. They travelled together, said Stephen to-night, for five days. On Jan. 13 they went to Alderman Ware and were married. Theyreturned to Nyack on Jan. 20, the your g husband going to his grandfather's house and Rachel to her home. The marriage was kept secret until this afternoon, when it accidentally leaked out. The young husband, when he found that the secret was out, told the whole story this evening. His grandfather, the Rev. Stephen Merritt, and the girl's parents are reconciled to-night to the marriage, and the young will go to housekeeping in New York city.

TO FIGHT FOR CALEB POWERS. Plans Arranged to Take His Case Before the Federa' Courts.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20 .- The case of Caleb Powers, under sentence of death for the murder of William Goebel, is to be carried to the Federal courts, and United States District Attorney R. D. Hill has been engaged by Powers for that purpose. Hill is now preparing a brief for the Court of Appeals, raising the question that to Powers there were denied the rights granted him by the Fourteenth Amendment.

He will allege that a jury was formed of Powers's political enemies. By raising this point, it is believed the United States Supreme Court can be induced to review the case, should the State Court of Appeals affirm the third variety of the lower court. affirm the third verdict of the lower court.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

"See that man that just got off?" asked an amateur sleuth on an uptown elevated train. "Did you notice the streaks across the front of his overcoat? I knew he lived near Eighth street. They have no ticket chopper on the downtown station and he gets those streaks from passing through

gets those streaks from passing through the turnstile every morning."

"I think you're wrong," said his friend, who is something of a Sherlock Holmes, "That man is a Brooklyn father over here on a visit. Those streaks on his overcoat were never made by any turnstile. They're too high. They come from pushing the baby carriage."

There is a hotel in the Washington Square neighborhood which gradually increased its capacity by taking in adjoining houses until the numbers of the rooms were a nondescript jumble. Seventeen and eighty-one were right next door to each other. It finally got to be too much for the pro-prietor's nerves, and a few days ago he ordered the rooms renumbered. The hotel is popular with night workers, and the othe vening, when the numbers were changed, there was indescribable confusion. man who had lived in Room 80 in the morning could not be persuaded to enter Room 405 at night and prepared to spend the night

A Jersey City Justice took so long to count his change at the Cortlandt street ferry the other day that he, as well as the people in line behind him, missed a boat. "Hell!" exclaimed a disgusted commuter back of him, "another case of swift Jersey Everything connected with the Brooklyn

Rapid Transit may not be exactly up to the mark, but if there's anything unsatisfactory about the work done by the station platform man who stands at the Manhattan end of the Bridge at night and attends to passengers on the through elevated trains there are lots of folks who would like to know what the complaint is. "Mike," as everybody calls him, has grown to be the personal friend of all the

newspaper colony that begins to drift home after midnight. He has a wonderful memory for faces and never has to ask any of the regulars what train he wants. "Beg your pardon," said Mike to one of the regular Brooklyn wayfarers the other morning, "but the trains on your road are running about fifteen minutes behind warm drink to start you right and stave off

that chill. One of two young school teachers, who were riding in an elevated railroad train past a Brooklyn cemetery the other day, happened to notice a German saloon sign announcing that "lager bier" was for sale. "You wouldn't think that even a saloon keeper would spell 'beer' wrong in these days, when anybody can get an education," said the enthusiastic young woman suppose he spelled it with an 'i' beca

that cemetery's right across from his place and they carry so many biers in." Two changes were made in the Children's Court yesterday to the disappointment of curious visitors. A shiny brass rail with shinier gates was put around the throne of the court. Policeman Keating was sta-tioned at one of the golden gates and a man from the Gerry society stood guard at the other. The young lawyers and representatives of the various charitable organizations were informed that only the court officials, the members of the Gerry society the defendant and one witness were allowed

within the shiny circle.

Another change at the court and one which was greeted more favorably was in bringing in the young prisoners. For-merly there was always a large crowd of curious men, women and children around the van. Justice Wyatt has arranged to have the van driven into the rear court of the building and the children admitted through the back entrance.

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